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Applicants : Neiryneck et al.  
Application No. : 09/498,046 Confirmation No. : 8244  
Filed : February 4, 2000  
For : IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND  
ITS USE IN VACCINATION  
Group Art Unit : 1648  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the July 3, 2002 Final Office Action. With the extension, the deadline to respond is January 3, 2003.

The Director is authorized to charge \$465 in payment of the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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